

MJ PLAN

Medical Marijuana Patient Lobbyists & Advocacy for Nevada

I'm sure MANY of the people in this room would like to own a cannabis lounge so we should thoughtfully consider the community's best, before just handing over the rest of the marijuana monopoly to the same people who've been running this entire show so far. You should know most of the dispensary owners don't live in Nevada and they don't care about us. So WE have to figure out what's best for ourselves and make sure to see that GOOD things come to fruition for OUR people.

And Las Vegas WANTS public consumption lounges, where educational demonstrations about cannabis can take place as main attraction.

Where items are delivered by the individual dispensaries with no exclusivity, meaning dispensaries should NOT be allowed to selectively sponsor lounges and they MUST be required to deliver to every consumption lounge within their delivery radius in order to make the playing field fair.

And since establishment owners already pay a sales commission to their personnel, a fixed amount similar to the current 10% (or more) that goes toward their sales reps, should go directly to the lounge and its employees instead, as way of providing some industry-subsidized funding. We feel THIS is an important element because we'd like ALL the small business community who are loyal to Nevada to become engaged and take part in the cannabis conversation so THEY can start earning some of the billion-dollar profits, too!

Which means our lounges should be allowed to combine food and beverage business licenses (NO alcohol) and lounges should be able to offer medicinal massage or any other cannabis ancillary service of their choosing. These lounges should be able to sell souvenirs, glassware and any other manner of marijuana apparatus or apparel, as well as be able to host concerts or community functions on a regular basis.

Premade cannabis items should be allowed to be added into, or go alongside, meals and drinks. As in smokable pairings with food and infused consumables being turned into meals, drinks, or desserts.)

Security guards should always be on site and all possession and sales limits should still apply with no one under 21 permitted entrance.

Carbon filtration should be installed by mandatory measure for employee and public comfort. And while no cigarette consumption should be allowed indoors, strict sanitary conditions for ALL cannabis smoking apparatus should be adhered to.

Lounge locations should have restrictions no different than bars and they should be allowed to be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week because our country was built on free market and THIS will insure a free market, for an all-natural, non-toxic consumable that's been scientifically shown to be MUCH SAFER THAN ALCOHOL. We already know the adverse effects of cannabis consumption are MUCH less than that of alcohol and Las Vegas has over 1500 bars. That's not counting the ones inside of the casinos, so without any question our people are consuming an awful lot of alcohol. Your state's medical patients would like to see Nevada's future work toward encouraging cannabis use as a MUCH healthier choice because it IS the better alternative!

And as far as the drugged driving laws... Filmed sobriety field tests should be used, as cannabis consumption analysis has proven to be an inaccurate accounting of impairment. Video surveillance is solid proof when someone is too high to operate a vehicle in a safe manner, and we should let juries decide. Because using logic and sound investigative methods which prove more valid than gauging erroneous metabolite levels, make it far less likely that our dui laws keep ruining the lives of good citizens. We'd like you to keep THAT in mind.

Special considerations for medical marijuana patients: Registered patients should be given severely discounted entrance to ALL public consumption lounges, but for patients who reside in Nevada, we really need PRIVATE clubs, to insure patient safety but also because we'd like to be allowed to bring in our home-grown medicines. Patients require a new special use permit to be established that would allow for the educational demonstrations in which products are custom made in full view, to be shared amongst registered cannabis patients, at no cost. And only these specially selected, patient-exclusive lounges should be allowed to distribute customized cannabis medicines, seeds, clones, and live plants, delivered directly from the various MMEs as well as other medical cannabis patients. Because at a time when patients are desperate to learn about the practical applications of the cannabis plant, our registered patients should ALWAYS be allowed to teach each other and give one another what it is they need to survive. Patients are NOT the criminal element, we are the sick, injured and dying and we REQUIRE access to the live plant, need honest knowledge on how best to use it.

So, those are some points of interest and in closing I hope to make EVERY-ONE aware of where we stand right now, in the landscape of marijuana business licensing... Because IT'S IMPORTANT to draw your attention to the fact that if the panel doesn't hear the logic in our plea and adopt the things we're asking, they'll be forcing ALL our hands in the matter - so that unless you're a millionaire, NO ONE in this community will be allowed to grow, none of us can own a marijuana establishment such as a dispensary, a cultivation, a production house, or a testing lab... and if THESE regulations aren't enacted to keep us in mind... NONE of us will be allowed to run a lounge, either. In which case I want to know why, exactly, everyone is so intent on establishing a marijuana police state.

Corporatization is NOT the same as legalization which is why we MUST stand up today to demand better things for THIS community. We ALL deserve a small PIECE of the American dream without a bunch of opportunistic businessmen stealing it away from everyone, one more time, just because they can. Cannabis patients have been here to SEE what games are being played, which is why we're dead set against fortifying any kind of marijuana monopoly. And we thank you for considering our testimony.